

Research Paper Assignment – Teen Issues in the US

You will be writing a research paper arguing a position on a controversial teen issue.

Your paper should include:

- 3-4 typed pages
 - Double spaced type
 - 12 point font: Times New Roman
 - 1" margins.
- 1 Works Cited page

I. Notes (20 points) Due: _____

Choose an issue that really interests you from the list. Choose one of the questions to research and write about.

1. Begin your research by looking at least 5 resources about the issue from the wiki on the East HS library page called "Jordan/Kaplan: Research Teen Issues In the US" AND from the cart in the Library.
2. As you read each of your source books and articles, choose 3 subtopics that you will write about in order to fully understand your topic. Write each subtopic on your notes organizer.
3. Write down facts and quotations from your sources in your notes. Every subtopic needs at least 3-5 facts/quotes to support it. Write the source you use for each fact, and use the citation builder to enter it into your works cited.

II. Outline (20 points) Due: _____

Now you must re-read your notes and consider everything you have learned about your topic. Look at your original question, and decide what your answer is. Now you need to prove it!

1. Write an outline that proves that your answer to your topic question is the correct answer. Use each of your subtopics to prove your point, by turning them into Key Points (subtopics with an opinion).
- Your paper should follow the standard essay format:

Introduction: Introduce your topic in a paragraph. Include your thesis sentence and plan of discussion.

Body Paragraphs:

1. Key Point 1
2. Key Point 2
3. Key Point 3

Conclusion: Wrap up your discussion.

- Consider answering the “so what” question. “So what” do I want my audience to know or remember?
- Consider explaining why it is important that your audience know this information
- Consider what you want your audience to do with this information – continue research, act in a certain way, or change their thinking.

2. Use at least 4 sources from the wiki on the East HS Library Page called “Jordan/Kaplan: Research Teen Issues In the US” – DO NOT USE Wikipedia, ask.com, dictionary sites—AND from the cart in the East HS Library.

III. Research Paper (30 points) Due:_____

1. Use your outline to write a 5 paragraph paper, using complete sentences. Each body paragraph must include at least one quote. Use internal citations for your quotes.
2. Edit and Revise your Draft. Look for errors in grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Make sure your paper makes sense and that it clearly argues one side of the issue.
2. Type your final, error free draft, print it, and turn it in.

IV. Presentation (30 points) Due:_____

1. You will teach a class about your topic.
 - a. Present your information to the class in a creative way.
 - b. Use a visual aide (A Poster, Power-point, Prop, Person)
 - c. Include a quiz with at least 3 questions that you want your students to be able to answer at the end of your presentation.